

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 30, 2005. Reconsideration of this application in view of the below remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-6 are pending in the application with Claims 1 and 6 being in independent form. By the present amendment, Claim 6 has been canceled. No new subject matter has been introduced, by way of the present amendment.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejections to Claims 1-5 and indicating that these claims recite patentably distinct subject matter and thus are allowable over the cited prior art references.

I. Rejection of Claim 6 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,732,307 issued to Edwards. In response, Claim 6 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection to Claim 6 is rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and the remaining Claims 1-5 be placed in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 1-5 are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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